

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MARCH 11, 2003

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Luoma Gentilini at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Lucarelli, Russo, Baribeau, Politano, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6
Absent: Councillor Lindberg – 1

Councillor Peterson removed Items 6 through 16 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to approve the following Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 6 through 16.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 25, 2003.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 03-005.
3. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Dennis Benz, Bruce Hedstrom, Tim Koivunen, Brian Bisping, Police Department, Arrowhead Law Enforcement Training, April 29, 30, May 1, 2003.
 - B. Debbie Judnick, Library, Regional Cooperative Purchasing Advisory Council, March 14, 2003, Mt. Iron, MN.
4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Mesabi Range Student Advocates for Human Services for a raffle to be held on April 30, 2003.
5. Approve Transient Merchant's License for Barbara Leinonen, d/b/a Barb's Fried Bread.
6. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 432 15th Street North for delinquent public utilities bill.
7. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 605 Seventh Street South for delinquent public utilities bill.
8. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 212 Ninth Street South for delinquent public utilities bill.
9. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 1106 17th Street North for delinquent public utilities bill.
10. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 414 ½ 10th Street South for delinquent public utilities bill.
11. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 29 Vermillion Drive for delinquent public utilities bill.
12. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 606 12th Street North for delinquent public utilities bill.
13. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 813 16th Street North for delinquent public utilities bill.

14. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 402 Chestnut Street for delinquent public utilities bill.
 15. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 113 and 113 ½ 8th Street South for delinquent public utilities bill.
 16. Adopt Resolution authorizing lien on property at 111 and 111 ½ 8th Street South for delinquent public utilities bill.
 17. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Ruffed Grouse Society to hold a raffle on April 24, 2003.
 18. Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for John “Butch” Emmanuel Memorial Fund of MN Communities Foundation for April 25, 2003, at the Miners Memorial Building.
- Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Items 6-16, City Attorney Butorac explained that the City has a policy to assess property owners for utility bills that are considerably delinquent.

Moved by Politano and supported to adopt the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 03062, authorizing lien on property owned by Lori Rodriguez at 432 15th Street North, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03063, authorizing lien on property owned by Robert Krog at 605 7th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03064, authorizing lien on property owned by Mathew Vandervort at 212 9th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03065, authorizing lien on property owned by Neil Larson at 1106 17th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03066, authorizing lien on property owned by Jay Koski at 414 ½ 10th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03067, authorizing lien on property owned by Jay Koski at 29 Vermillion Drive, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03068, authorizing lien on property owned by Daniel Holling at 606 12th Street North, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03069, authorizing lien on property owned by Chad Hinrichs at 813 16th Street North, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03070, authorizing lien on property owned by John Bozicevich, d/b/a Bucko’s 4th and Main, at 402 Chestnut Street, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03071, authorizing lien on property owned by Tim Barfknecht, at 113 and 113 ½ 8th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.
- Resolution No. 03072, authorizing lien on property owned by Tim Barfknecht, at 111 and 111 ½ 8th Street South, Virginia, Minnesota, for delinquent public utilities bill.

Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Sue Cebelinski, Chairperson of the Virginia Teen Center, appeared to update the Council on the status of the Teen Center. Since the Governor unallotted their funding for the remainder of this year, the Teen Center was closed temporarily while they were taking some

emergency measures. With the Teen Center's fundraising plan and community support, the Teen Center has reopened one day per week. Sue Cebelinski will meet with the City's Engineering Department and Public Utilities staff to reduce the cost of utilities while the Teen Center is closed. Councillor Politano will keep the City Council updated on Teen Center developments, as she is on the board. Rob Raplingler, Teen Center, stated they served 260 youth over the past year and will check if there is information on where the teens are from. Mayor Luoma Gentilini will discuss sharing costs for the Teen Center with the other Mayors from the quad cities.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to table the Ordinance to change the City Charter, Chapter 3, Section 3.01, until the entire City Council is present. Motion carried. A unanimous vote is required to approve a charter change.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 03073, allowing the Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to enter into an agreement with Iron Trail Motors, to purchase one new 2003 Model Silverado 2500 (3/4-ton) extra cab 4 x 4 shortbox pickup truck, with 8' Fisher HD Snowplow, at a cost of \$25,918.10. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to authorize the Fire Department to submit an application for a 2003 FEMA grant for personal safety equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Team Leaders to call for proposals for Public Works supplies for the year 2003 through 2004. Motion carried.

Councillor Politano reported on the Finance Committee meetings held on March 4 and 11, 2003. The Finance Committee reviewed proposed budget reductions for the Library, Public

Works, Police and Park/Recreation Departments. The Finance Committee approved moving forward with discussions for a 911 dispatch system for the Police Department.

Moved by Politano and supported to adopt Resolution No. 03074, accepting quote from Bits N Bytes, in the amount of \$4,460.25 plus freight, for the purchase of five computers for the Library. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported that members of the Safety Committee are doing safety inspections of all City owned buildings. She also reported that no employee accidents were reported for the month of February, 2003.

City Department Director Leoni reported that the Engineering Department will be calling for bids for asbestos removal for the two buildings in the 200 block of Chestnut Street that are scheduled for demolition.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner stated that Virginia's portion of remaining debt owed on the Range Recreation Civic Center, in the amount of \$37,449.00, is being paid and is included in this meeting's finance resolution.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 03075, approving borrowing funds, in the amount of \$210,628.00, to the Virginia Regional Medical Center for a five year period at three-percent interest, plus an administrative fee of ¼ percent interest. Resolution adopted unanimously. This payment is part of the Hospital's capital project campaign.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to waive the written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 03076, to contract for services with Terry Hartikka, at a rate of \$100.00 per week, to schedule and coordinate programming on the public access channel. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the following items:

- An insert will be included in the utility billings, which includes names and addresses for the Governor, Senators and Representatives, so that citizens can write letters to them regarding the importance of local government aid. She will also write a letter to the editor and include the same information.
- Received a letter from Congressman James Oberstar stating his opposition to the Governor's proposed local government aid cuts.
- Nijji Center will hold a dedication ceremony celebrating their new location at 517 6th Avenue South from 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. on March 15, 2003.
- Will be sending the signatures, with a proclamation, to the families of the crew members who died in the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and to the Kennedy Space Center.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

Deputy City Clerk